



# News Release

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## **State disciplines health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Benton County**

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program released **Connie J. Aimone** (NA00185279) from terms and conditions set against her registration.

### **Clark County**

In June 2010 the Medical Commission terminated the agreed order against physician assistant **Casey J. Maul** (PA10004310). Mr. Maul's license is unrestricted in Washington.

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against certified nursing assistant **Andrea D. Ponce** (NC60019172).

### **Cowlitz County**

In June 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Jeralee Marie Emler** (CO60144530) and placed her certification on probation for at least one year. She was convicted of identity theft and bail jumping. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

### **Franklin County**

In June 2010 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician assistant **Patricia Hernandez** (PA10003590) on probation for five years. She asked a patient for a loan of \$1,500. Hernandez also treated immediate family members without identifying them as family members in the medical records, signed documents for a worker's compensation claim for an immediate family member, prescribed narcotics to family members, and prescribed large amounts of hydrocodone to a patient without adequate justification in the medical records. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

### **Grays Harbor County**

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Virginia A. Munger** (NC10049203) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of criminal mistreatment.

### **King County**

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Faten Anwar** (NA00201685, NC60013350) with unprofessional conduct. In March 2010 her license to practice as a physician and surgeon in Washington was revoked.

In May 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant **Fabian Lamont Miller** (NC60140110). He was convicted of domestic battery, battery — domestic violence on more than one occasion, fraud — insufficient funds check — worthless check, and theft.

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program released certified nursing assistant **Etheal M. Munde** (NC60096595) from terms and conditions set against her certification.

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Chad A. Norris** (NA60081185) and placed conditions against his registration. He was convicted of driving while license suspended, and driving under the influence on more than one occasion. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In June 2010 the Examining Board of Psychology terminated the order of probation against **Arthur W. Peskind** (PY00000726).

In June 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Ora Pearl Smith-Gutter** (RN00079416) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Mitchell D. Steward** (NC10015434) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of vendor fraud.

### **Kitsap County**

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Jennifer A. Hellums** (NC10069991) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of assault, unlawful issuance of bank checks or drafts, and malicious mischief.

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Veronica F. McInnis** (NA00196306) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of theft on more than one occasion.

### **Okanogan County**

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Chelcy Jo Bucholtz** (NC60159093) and placed her certification on probation until October 2010. Her registration to practice as a nursing assistant was also placed on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

### **Pierce County**

In June 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Richard Lawrence Bingham** (CO60153376) and placed his certification on probation until April 2012. Conditions were placed against his credential to practice as a registered counselor. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his new credential.

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program released **Jill Elizabeth Haeckel** (NA60070058) from terms and conditions set against her registration.

In June 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Catherine A. Richardson** (MD00025799) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly treated staff in an angry, demeaning, and hostile manner.

### **Snohomish County**

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program entered into an agreed order with certified nursing assistant **Loyd Hanna** (NC10092436). His license to practice as a health care assistant was indefinitely suspended in February 2010. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

### **Spokane County**

In June 2010 the Dental Commission placed the license of dentist **Scott Daniel Davis** (DE00004572) on probation for four years. He didn't properly monitor and supervise his staff to ensure all procedures were accurately billed resulting in incorrect billing to insurance companies. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his Washington license.

In June 2010 the Registered Counselor Program released **Jared D. Langton** (RC60002155) from terms and conditions set against his registration.

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Clare L. Marshall** (NC10077571) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly made inappropriate comments about a vulnerable adult patient, and spanked another patient.

### **Thurston County**

In June 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Dean L. Jensen** (NA00198964) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

### **Yakima County**

In May 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of **Victoria M. Eberle** (HC00156213). In April 2010 her credential to practice as a radiological technologist was suspended for a minimum of five years.

### **Out of State**

**California:** In June 2010 the Medical Commission released physician **Michael M. Akhondi** (MD00041769) from terms and conditions set against his license. Dr. Akhondi's license is unrestricted in Washington.

**Montana:** In June 2010 the Board of Pharmacy granted the application of pharmacist **Rachel Lee Loukas** (PH60142436) and placed conditions against her license. She was convicted of reckless driving, driving under the influence, and obstructing a peace officer or other public servant. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

**Oregon:** In June 2010 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Kenneth F. Wenberg** (MD00025365). He failed to fully evaluate a patient after she fell and was transported to the emergency room. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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